



April 25th GBCAN Forum “How Nature Connections Empower Communities”

Date: April 25, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, doors open at 5:30 PM for sign-in and meet & greet

Location: Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Main Headquarters in Druid Hill Park, 3001 East Drive, Baltimore 21217

\$10 fee—cash or check

Light supper provided

RSVP to Mary Hardcastle @
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If you would like to have an exhibit table at the Forum, please submit your request with your RSVP. A \$20 exhibit fee donation is suggested.

The GBCAN Collaborative comprises over 40 organizations and agencies including Baltimore City Public Schools, Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks, MD American Academy of Pediatrics, and the MD Partnership for Children in Nature. Major funders have included Parks & People Foundation, REI Inc., Trout Unlimited, Abell Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Trust, U.S Fish & Wildlife, Cylburn Arboretum Association, Hooked on Nature and Kaiser Permanente. GBCAN is an affiliate of the Children & Nature Network (C&NN).

Join the Greater Baltimore Children and Nature Forum!

Participate in 4 exciting and interactive workshops that demonstrate how health professionals, community naturalists, artists and play advocates are increasing connections between youth and nature while improving our urban environment!

Presentations:

- How to encourage and support residents to become 'Community Naturalists'—knowledgeable about the natural world in their own neighborhoods and parks and thereby able to mentor children and others toward a place-based relationship to nature.
Presenters: Natural History Society of MD, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks
- How to encourage and support art making that directly connects families and children to the natural world and deepens their relationship with nature.
Presenters: Nature Art in the Park, Friends of Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, Parks & People Foundation Art & Ecology
- How doctors can help everyone improve mental and physical well-being through nature and outdoor connections.
Presenters: Docs in the Park, MD American Academy of Pediatrics Children & Nature Task Force
- How to increase ways that children can engage in nature discovery through healthy play.
Presenters: MD Partnership for Children in Nature Play Space workgroup, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks

For adventure spirited attendees, a 9 PM moonlight hike in the park will be led by Molly Gallant, Outdoor Recreation Programmer for Recreation & Parks!

The GBCAN Forum is part of Baltimore Green Week April 20-27.

